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THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR





SO LITTLE TIME TO SAVE THE WORLD

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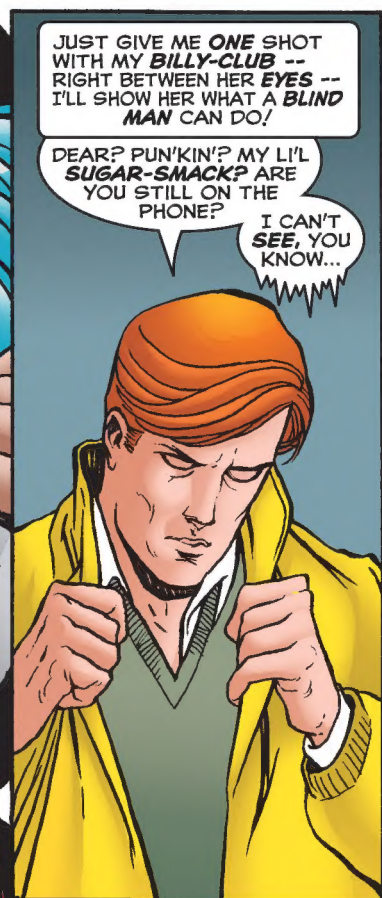
DR. ROSALIND SHARPE...
MOTHER, LAWYER...
GUN OWNER -- THE LAST
NOT BEING THAT GREAT
A SURPRISE WHEN YOU
CONSIDER JUST WHAT
KIND OF MOTHER AND
LAWYER THIS RUTHLESS
FURY IN GUCCI IS...

I'M
TELLING
YOU, KAREN,
DEAR, THE FEELING
OF **POWER** WHEN
YOU'RE HOLDING
ONE IS **EXTRA-
ORDINARY!**

AND
DON'T **EVEN**
GET ME STARTED
ON THE **THRILL** OF
PULLING THE
TRIGGER!

THOUGH
I'M **QUITE SURE**
YOU'LL NEVER
HAVE TO AIM IT
AT ANYONE,
DEAR.





A QUICK CUT LATER --
OUTSIDE THE COUPLE'S
APARTMENT...

INFERNAL
WOMAN, I
SWEAR...

HEY,
YOU TWO!
THE RENT WAS
DUE MONDAY!
I WANNA
CHECK!

SORRY,
Mrs. BANKS,
THINGS HAVE BEEN
CRAZY LATELY. YOU'LL
GET A CHECK FIRST
THING TOMORROW.

DID
SOMEONE
FORGET TO TELL
ME IT WAS THE
DAY OF THE
HARPIES?

COME
ON, MATT,
SHE MAY BE ONE
MEAN LANDLADY, BUT
I HAVE TO GIVE
Mrs. BANKS
CREDIT...

...SHE
MANAGES TO
KEEP A BUILDING
FULL OF PEOPLE SAFE
IN THIS BIG, BAD CITY, ALL
WHILE DOING THE SINGLE-
MOTHER THING --
I ADMIRE HER
STRENGTH.

AND I
ADMIRE YOURS...
WHICH IS WHY I KNOW
YOU CAN HANDLE A
HEAVY BREATH
ALL ON YOUR
OWN...

AH! SEE!
LOOK AT THAT!
WHAT A GRIP! CRUSHING
BONES... IN HAND...
OUCHIE.

YOU'RE
NOT
FUNNY.

THE LUXURY APARTMENT
OF FRANKLIN "FOGGY"
NELSON...

"CANDACE IS
IN TROUBLE,
MATT! I CAN
FEEL IT!"

SPARE
CHANGE?

FOGGY,
WE BOTH KNOW
YOUR SISTER IS A
WILD-CHILD. SHE'S
PROBABLY
JUST --

BUT WE
HAD A **FIGHT!**
AND SHE DIDN'T COME
HOME LAST NIGHT! WHAT IF
SHE'S IN SOME DIRTY **HOVEL**
SOMEWHERE, TALKING TO
LOUNGE SINGERS AND
DRAW QUEENS
AND...!

...I CAN'T
BREATHE...

FOGGY,
CALM
DOWN...

HIS HEART IS **RACING**.
BP'S UP. HE'S REALLY
TERRIFIED -- BUT I
JUST DON'T HAVE
THE TIME TO...

...**SIGH** -- NEVER
COULD SAY NO TO
FOGGY -- ESPECIALLY
WHEN HE'S **FREAKING**...



MEANWHILE, IN THE EAST VILLAGE...





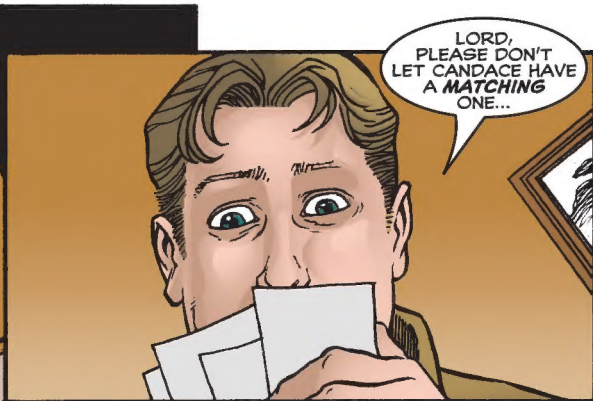
MARRISSA'S APARTMENT...

OKAY... SO SOME-
TIMES FOGGY PANICS
WITH GOOD REASON...

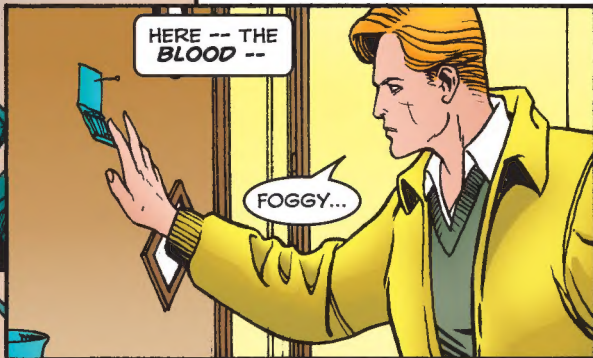
THE PLACE IS **TRASHED**.
SOMETHING BAD WENT
DOWN HERE. I PICK UP
THE HINT OF CLEANING
SOLVENT, BUT UNDER
THAT... **BLOOD** -- HAVE
TO CONCENTRATE TO
FIND IT...

MY
GOD... MATT, I
WISH YOU COULD
SEE THESE
PHOTOS.

GOLLY,
THAT'S **SOME
TATTOO**.

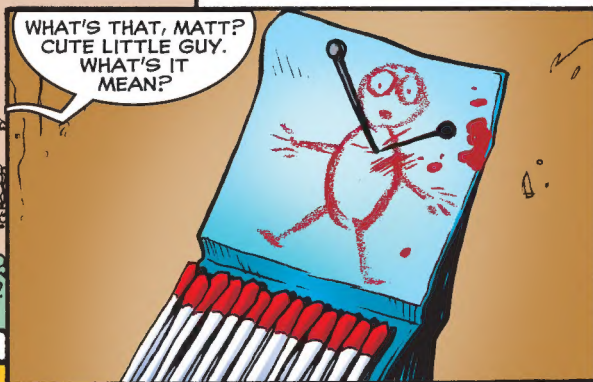


LORD,
PLEASE DON'T
LET CANDACE HAVE
A **MATCHING**
ONE...

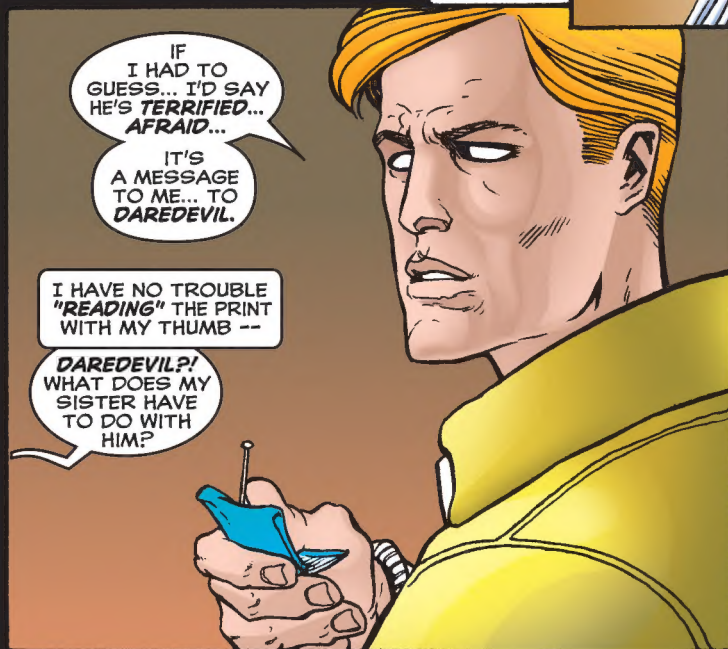


HERE -- THE
BLOOD --

FOGGY...



WHAT'S THAT, MATT?
CUTE LITTLE GUY.
WHAT'S IT
MEAN?



IF
I HAD TO
GUESS... I'D SAY
HE'S **TERRIFIED...**
AFRAID...

IT'S
A MESSAGE
TO ME... TO
DAREDEVIL.

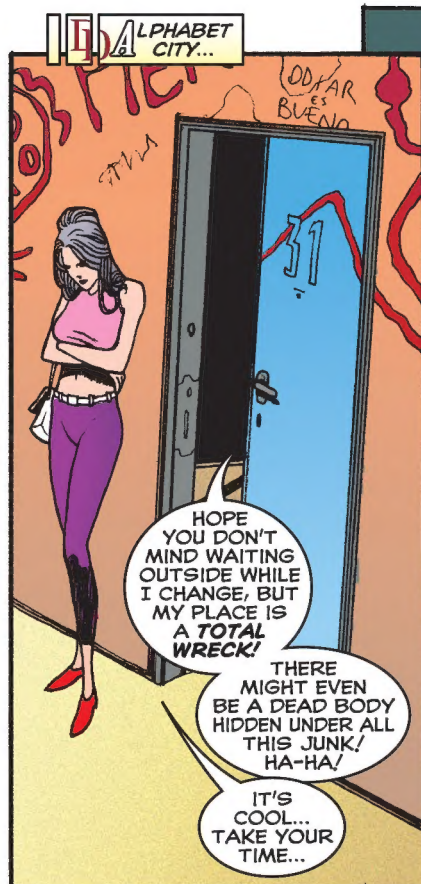
I HAVE NO TROUBLE
"READING" THE PRINT
WITH MY THUMB --

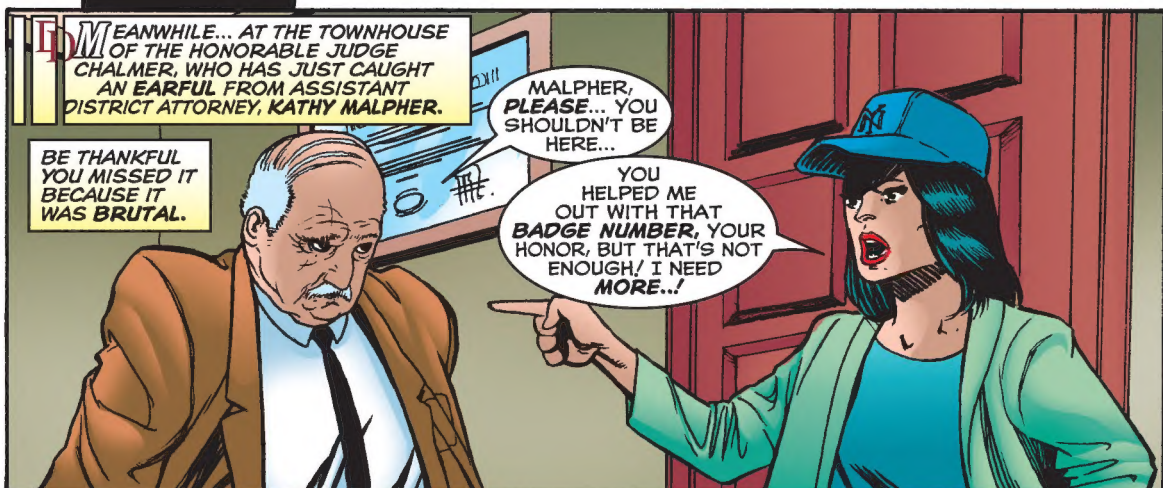
DAREDEVIL?!
WHAT DOES MY
SISTER HAVE
TO DO WITH
HIM?



I HATE TO THINK,
FOGGY... BUT THIS
IS A **BREAD
CRUMB** TRAIL...

...AND WE'RE
SUPPOSED TO
FOLLOW IT.





MEANWHILE... AT THE TOWNHOUSE OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE CHALMER, WHO HAS JUST CAUGHT AN EARFUL FROM ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, KATHY MALPHER.

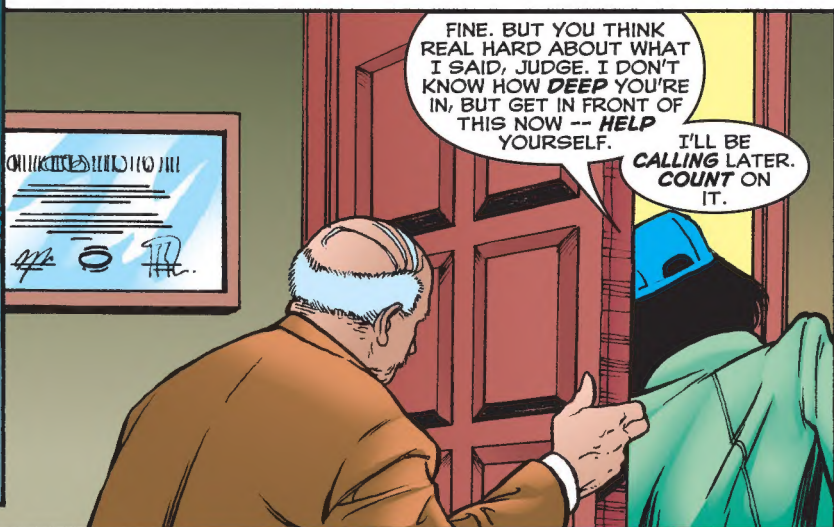
BE THANKFUL YOU MISSED IT BECAUSE IT WAS BRUTAL.

MALPHER, PLEASE... YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE...

YOU HELPED ME OUT WITH THAT BADGE NUMBER, YOUR HONOR, BUT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH! I NEED MORE..!



I'M GOING TO POLITELY ASK YOU TO LEAVE NOW.



FINE. BUT YOU THINK REAL HARD ABOUT WHAT I SAID, JUDGE. I DON'T KNOW HOW DEEP YOU'RE IN, BUT GET IN FRONT OF THIS NOW -- HELP YOURSELF.

I'LL BE CALLING LATER. COUNT ON IT.



SIGH... GET IN FRONT OF IT...

...YOU IGNORANT GIRL. I'M TRYING TO KEEP YOU FROM...



...Oh, OF COURSE...

...HELLO.

**WEBSTER HALL --
HOTTEST NIGHTCLUB
IN NEW YORK CITY --
THIS MONTH.**

**BOOM
BOOM
BOOM**

**I WANNA DIE JUST LIKE JFK!
I WANNA DIE ON A SUNNY DAY!**

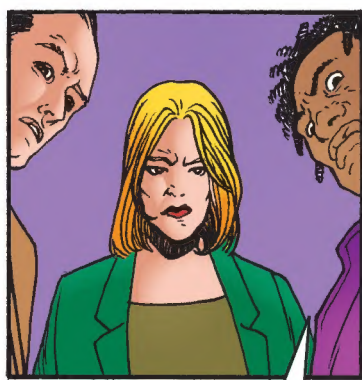
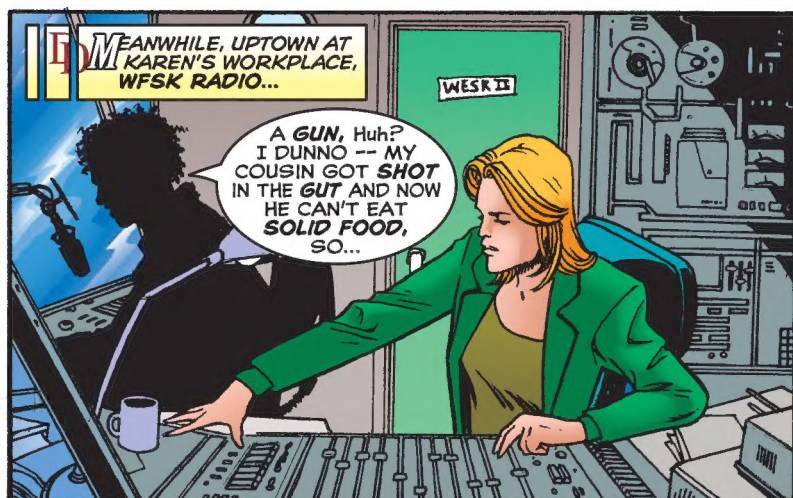
HEY, THANKS AGAIN FOR LETTING ME STOP BY MY PLACE TO CHANGE. EVEN IF ANYBODY HERE **HAS** SEEN YOUR FRIEND THEY AIN'T GONNA TELL ME IF I'M WEARING MY COP UNIFORM.

NO, CHARLIE. THANK **YOU** FOR GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO HELP ME LOOK FOR MARISSA. I NEVER THOUGHT THERE WERE **ANY** COPS AS COOL AS **YOU...**

... EVEN IF YOU ARE KINDA WEIRD... BUT CUTE.

**BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM**

YOU JUST WAIT AND SEE -- I'M **FULL** OF SURPRISES.



BACK AT WEBSTER HALL...

DANG, MY HAIR IS KICKIN'! I KNOW THE LADIES ARE GONNA SPREAD MAD LOVE ON ME TONIGHT!

GONNA GET SOME! GONNA GET SOME!

LOOK, I'LL EXPLAIN IT AS MANY TIMES AS I HAVE TO!

MY SISTER IS MISSING AND MY FRIEND AND I FOUND A WEBSTER HALL MATCHBOOK IN HER FRIEND'S TRASHED APARTMENT...

...THAT HAS A STICKFIGURE ON IT AND SOME BLOOD AND SO WE GOTTA GET INSIDE 'CAUSE CANDACE IS IN TROUBLE, OKAY?!

NUH-UH.

YOU KNOW, YOU SOUND JUST LIKE MIKE TYSON.

...

Uh, EXCUSE ME...

MATT! YOU THINK MAYBE YOU COULD, YOU KNOW, GET MEDIEVAL ON THIS...?

FOGGY... WATCH AND LEARN...

GO RIGHT IN, GENTLEMEN... AND PLEASE TELL YOUR SISTER "MIKE" SAYS HI...

"WE STEP INSIDE
AND IT'S LIKE
WALKING INTO
AN EXPLOSION
OF SOUND!"

"THE MUSIC! --
SO MUCH BASS --
THROWING MY
SENSES OUT
OF WHACK --

"AND WORST OF ALL --
IT'S DISCO NIGHT."

*"I'M YOUR BOOGIE MAN...
THAT'S WHAT I AM...!"*

"NOTHING OUT OF
THE ORDINARY, BUT --
THAT MAN! -- **WEIRD** --
IT'S LIKE THERE'S
THREE OF HIM --

"-- WAIT!
HAS HE GOT
A KNIFE?!"

...I'M
HERE TO
DO... WHATEVER
I CAN... BE IT
EARLY
MORNIN'...

FOGGY.

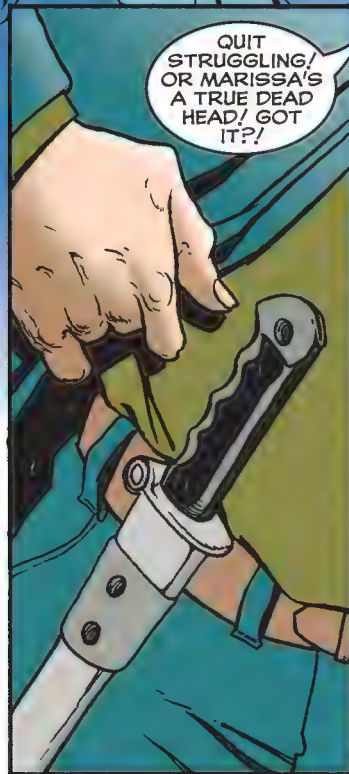
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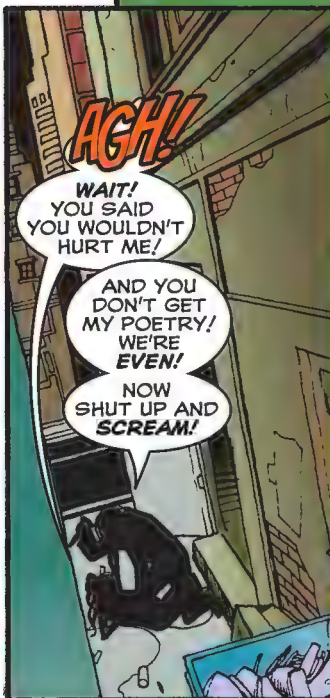
CANDACE,
BABY, SHE AIN'T
HERE. WE ASKED
EVERYBODY. LOOK,
YOU'RE **TENSE**.
WHY DON'T WE
BOOGIE?

HELLOOO,
DESENSITIZED
PUBLIC SERVANT/
WE'RE LOOKING FOR
MY FRIEND, REMEMBER?
I'M NOT HERE TO
PARTY WITH
YOU...!

BABE...I
INSIST.

HEY!





AGH!

WAIT!
YOU SAID
YOU WOULDN'T
HURT ME!

AND YOU
DON'T GET
MY POETRY!
WE'RE
EVEN!

NOW
SHUT UP AND
SCREAM!

TOK



OW!
MAAAAN!

THAT
HURT!

KIDS
TODAY. I'LL
NEVER GET
THESE FUNKY
NEW DANCE
STEPS.

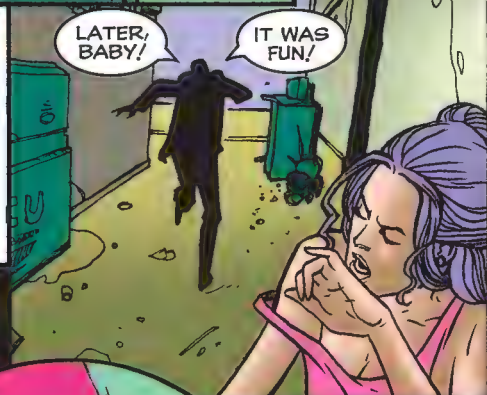
BOOGIE
YOUR TAIL
AWAY FROM
HER, DIRK
DIGGLER...
NOW.





HEH.

NICE.



LATER, BABY!

IT WAS FUN!



YOU OKAY?

Uh-Huh.
GO GET 'IM.

BARELY HAD TIME TO ZIP UP THE UNION SUIT -- HAD TO DUMP A NICE JACKET, TOO.

STILL HAVING TROUBLE FOCUSING -- LINGERING EFFECTS FROM THE CLUB -- OR IS IT HIM...? GOTTA CONCENTRATE -- NAIL HIM!



UHF!

DAREDEVIL!



HEY, I THINK THAT GUY'S ON THE JOB!



"ON THE JOB"?

NEW YORK'S FINEST, BABY...



I HEARD **HORNHEAD** BEAT UP SOME **SWAT GUYS**, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT!

WELL HE'S DEFINITELY BEATIN' ON ONE A' OURS NOW!

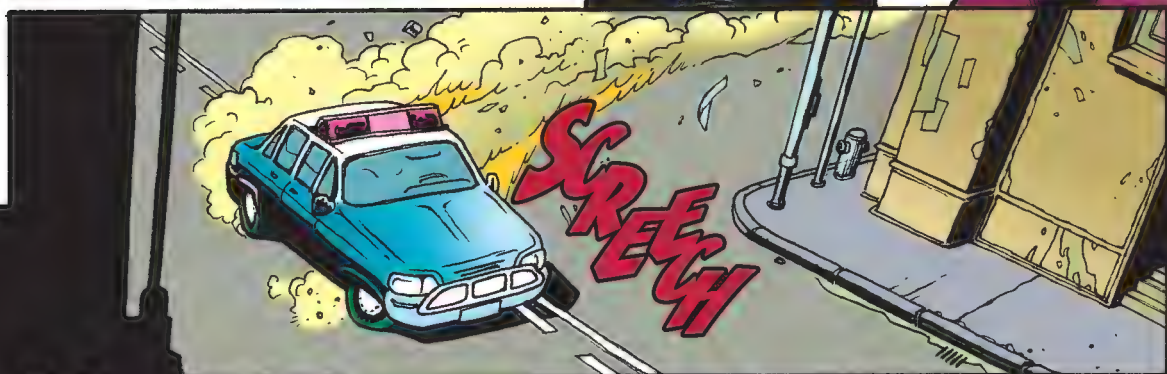


FREEZE, DAREDEVIL!

DON'T YOU MOVE A **S/O&!** MUSCLE!

HE'S A COP! AND KATHY MALPHER SCORED A BADGE NUMBER FROM CHALMER THE OTHER DAY --

-- BUT HOW DOES THAT TIE IN WITH Mr. FEAR AND HIS PLANS FOR FOGGY'S SISTER?!



IS IT JUST ANOTHER PLOY TO GET TO ME THROUGH MY FRIENDS?

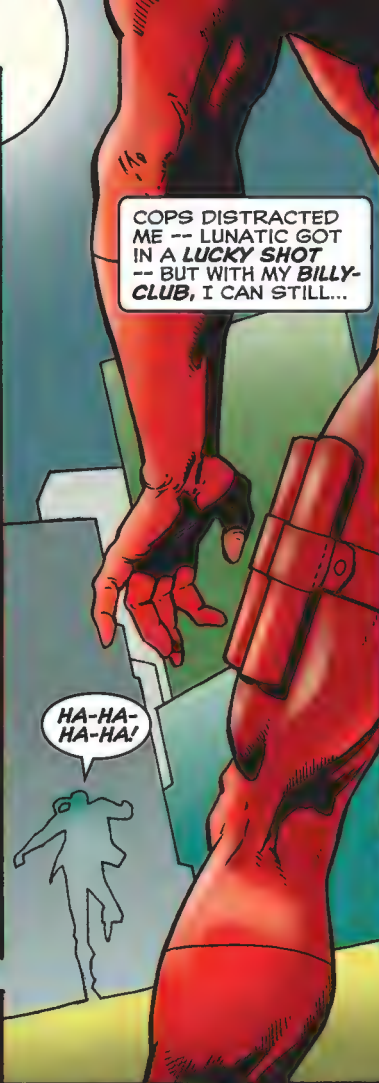
FREEZE!

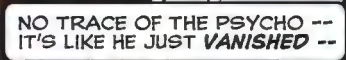
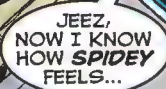
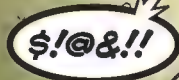
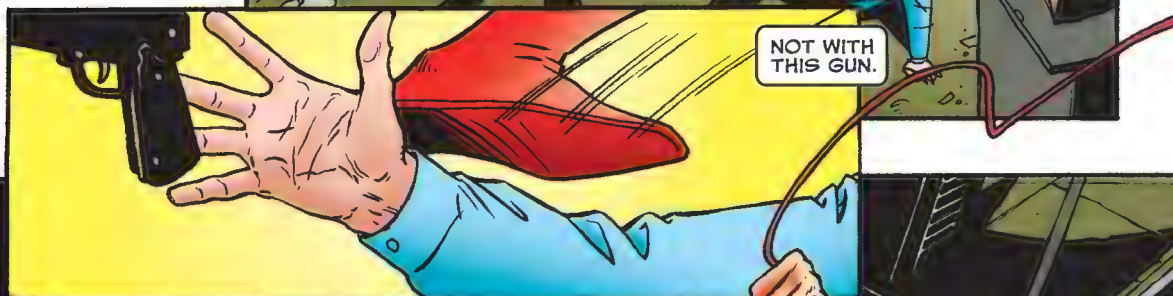
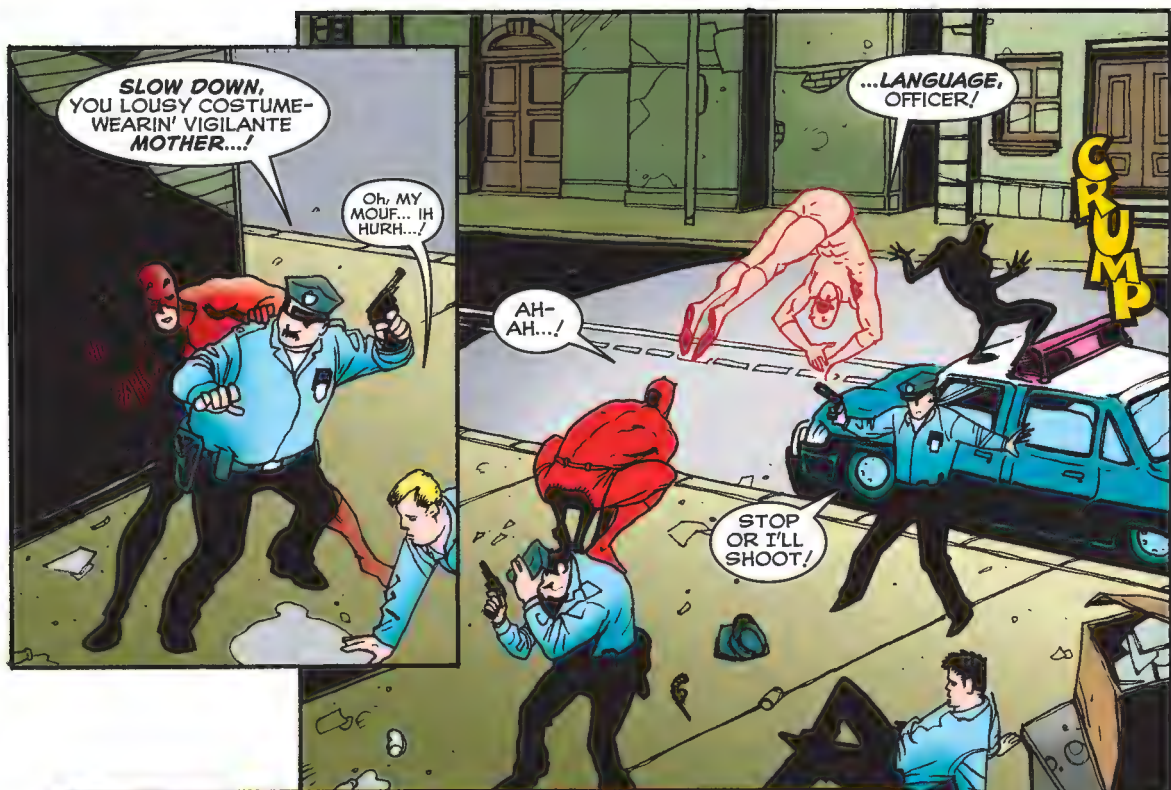
LET 'IM GO, DAREDEVIL!

Uh... LOOK, OFFICERS... WHAT WE NEED TO DO HERE IS TAKE ONE BIG COLLECTIVE **BREATH...** OKAY?

ON YOUR KNEES!

YOU HEARD MY PARTNER! **FREEZE!**





GA AT JUDGE CHALMER'S
ALL IS QUIET...

BEE-DEE-DEEP

**KA
CLICK**

THIS IS
CHALMER.
LEAVE A
MESSAGE.

SCREENING
THIS CALL WAS THE
WORST MISTAKE YOU
EVER MADE, CHALMER.
NOW I'M GOING AFTER
YOU JUST AS HARD AS
I AM FEAR... Uh, IT'S
KATHY MALPHER, BY
THE WAY...

LORD, BUT
HER NEW YORK
ACCENT IS
DOGMATICALLY
LOW-CLASS,
ISN'T IT?

**KA
CLICK**

LET'S
TURN THIS OFF.
SHE HURTS MY
EARS.

PHENALOTA-
COLINE, YOUR
HONOR --

-- YOU MUST HAVE HAD
SOME VERY INTERESTING
VISIONS AS YOU
PASSED.

DID YOU
KNOW THAT THE
FEAR OF LIVING IS
OFTEN **STRONGER**
THAN THE FEAR
OF DYING?

IT'S **TRUE**. A
GREAT MANY PEOPLE
ACTUALLY CHOOSE
DEATH OVER FACING THE
CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR
ACTIONS. I FIND THAT
FASCINATING.

I'VE NEVER
HANDLED **BETRAYAL**
WELL... AND I'M VERY
ANGERED BY
YOURS...

...BUT
THAT DOESN'T
MEAN I MUST STOP
BEHAVING IN A **CIVILIZED**
MANNER. YOU HAVE NO
IDEA HOW MUCH **WORSE**
IT COULD HAVE BEEN
FOR YOU.

CONGRATULATIONS,
YOUR HONOR... YOUR
**FAMILY SECRET...
DIES WITH YOU.**

FINALLY, MY HEAD'S
BEGINNING TO CLEAR --
NOT SEEING **THREE** OF
ANYTHING ANYMORE...

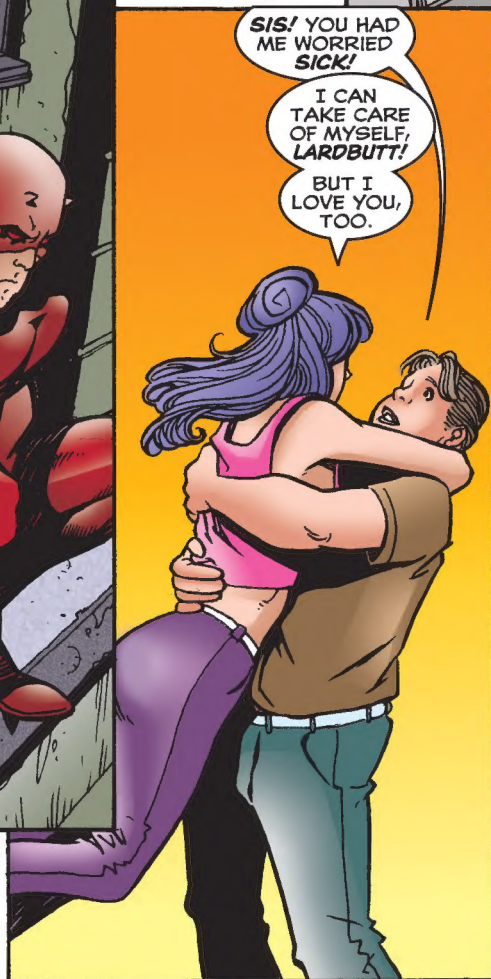
AND AT LEAST
CANDACE IS
SAFE...



SIS! YOU HAD
ME WORRIED
SICK!

I CAN
TAKE CARE
OF MYSELF,
LARDBUTT!

BUT I
LOVE YOU,
TOO.



BUT THAT
MANIAC IS
STILL OUT
THERE...

WAH-
HA-HA-
HA...

OW -- MY
RIBS --
-- WHEE-
HEE-HEE...

WEIRDO.



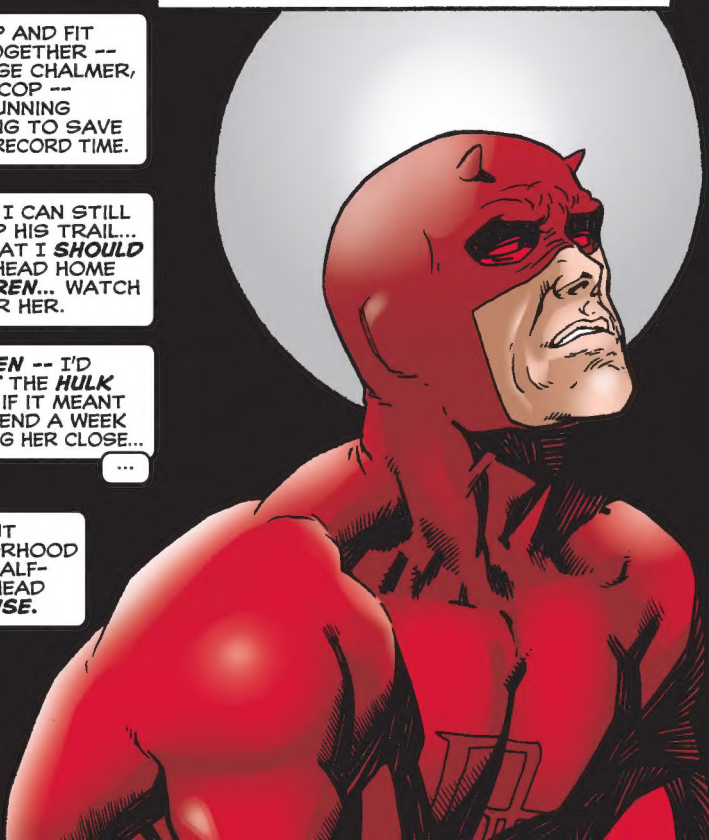
BUT I **FEEL** LIKE I
TOOK **ONE** STEP
FORWARD AND
TEN STEPS BACK!

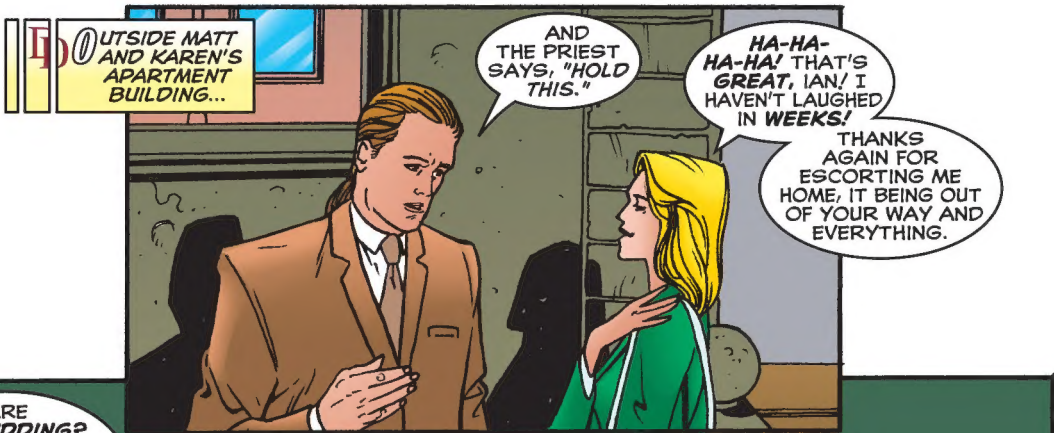
HAVE TO STOP AND FIT
THE PIECES TOGETHER --
Mr. FEAR, JUDGE CHALMER,
THIS LUNATIC COP --
INSTEAD OF RUNNING
AROUND TRYING TO SAVE
THE **WORLD** IN RECORD TIME.

MAYBE I CAN STILL
PICK UP HIS TRAIL...
NO! WHAT I **SHOULD**
DO IS HEAD HOME
TO **KAREN...** WATCH
OVER HER.

POOR KAREN -- I'D
HEAD-BUTT THE **HULK**
RIGHT NOW IF IT MEANT
I COULD SPEND A WEEK
JUST HOLDING HER CLOSE...

I'LL CHECK OUT
THIS NEIGHBORHOOD
FOR JUST A HALF-
HOUR, **THEN** HEAD
HOME...**PROMISE.**



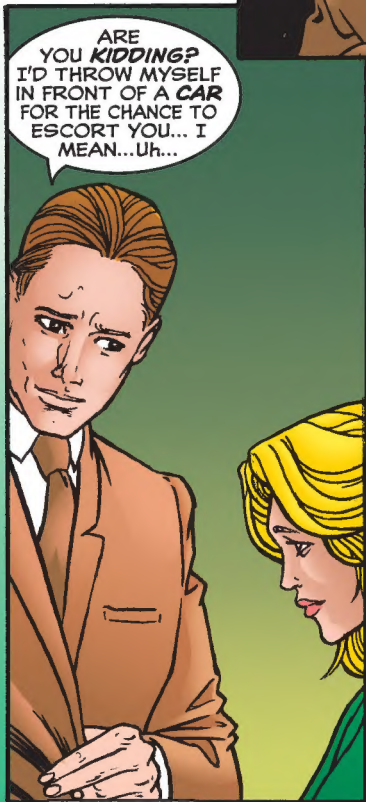


OUTSIDE MATT AND KAREN'S APARTMENT BUILDING...

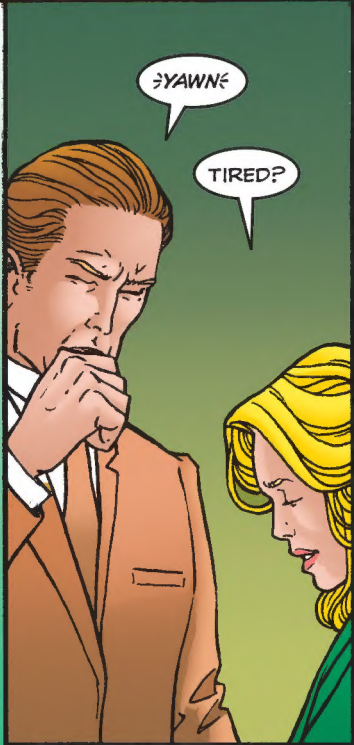
AND THE PRIEST SAYS, "HOLD THIS."

HA-HA-HA! THAT'S GREAT, IAN! I HAVEN'T LAUGHED IN WEEKS!

THANKS AGAIN FOR ESCORTING ME HOME, IT BEING OUT OF YOUR WAY AND EVERYTHING.



ARE YOU KIDDING? I'D THROW MYSELF IN FRONT OF A CAR FOR THE CHANCE TO ESCORT YOU... I MEAN...Uh...

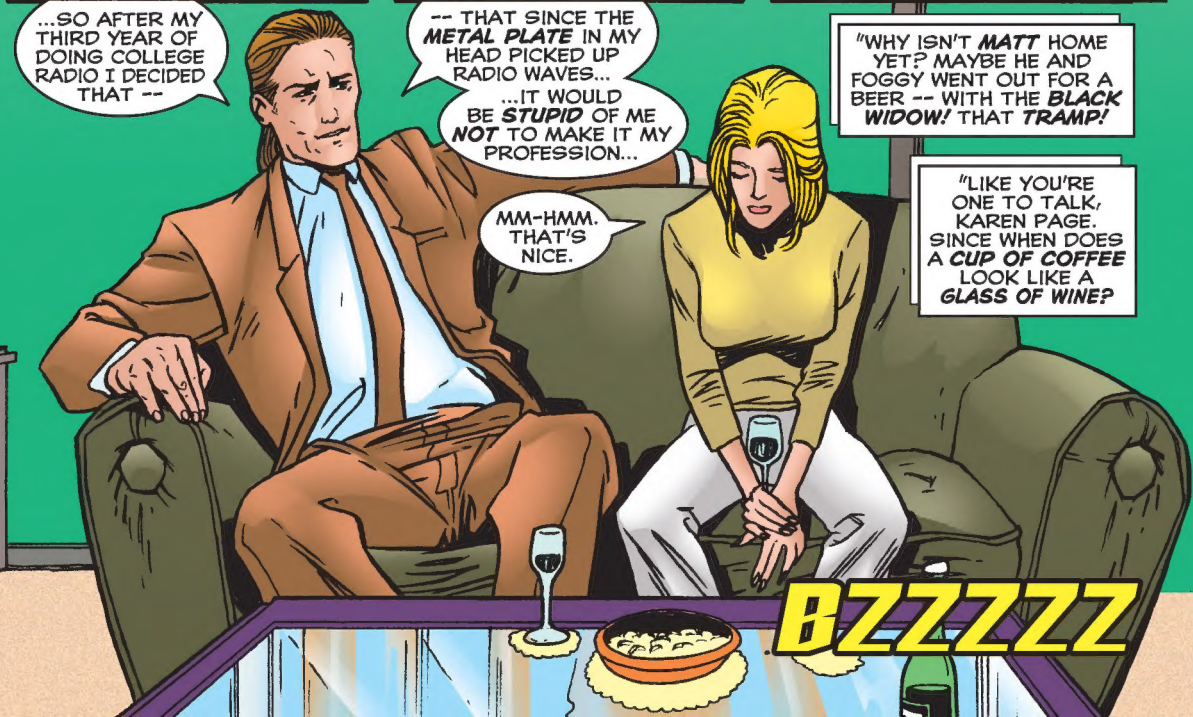


YAWNING

TIRED?



MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO COME UP FOR SOME COFFEE?



...SO AFTER MY THIRD YEAR OF DOING COLLEGE RADIO I DECIDED THAT --

-- THAT SINCE THE METAL PLATE IN MY HEAD PICKED UP RADIO WAVES...

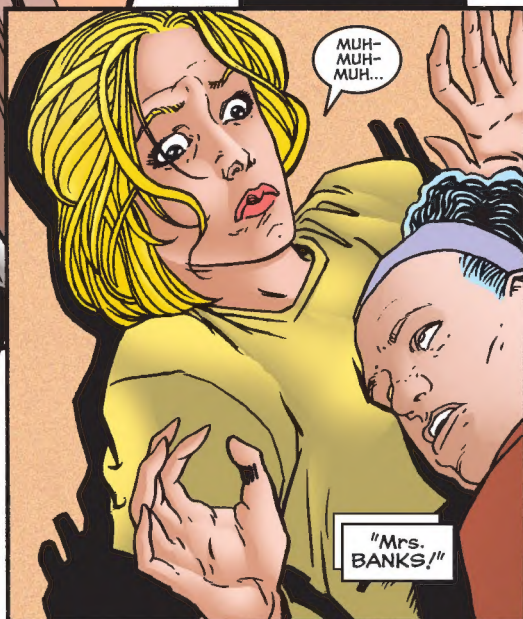
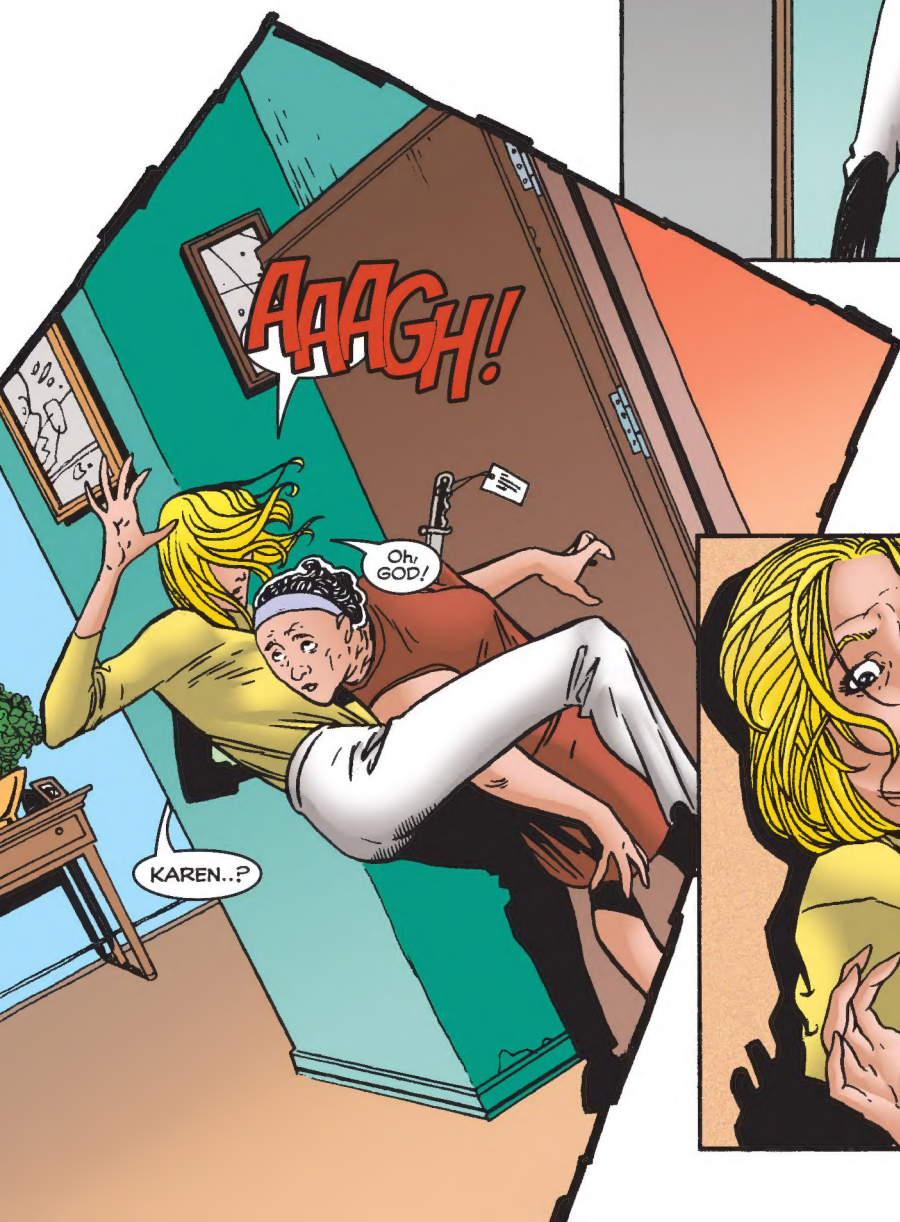
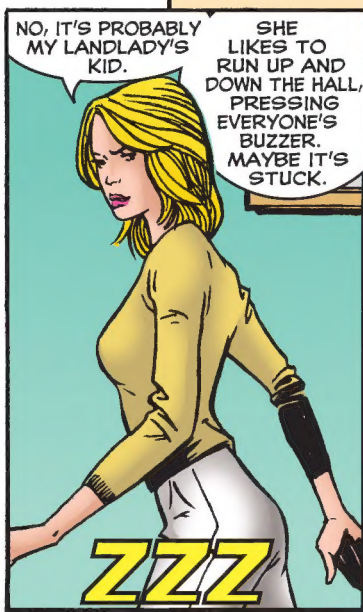
...IT WOULD BE STUPID OF ME NOT TO MAKE IT MY PROFESSION...

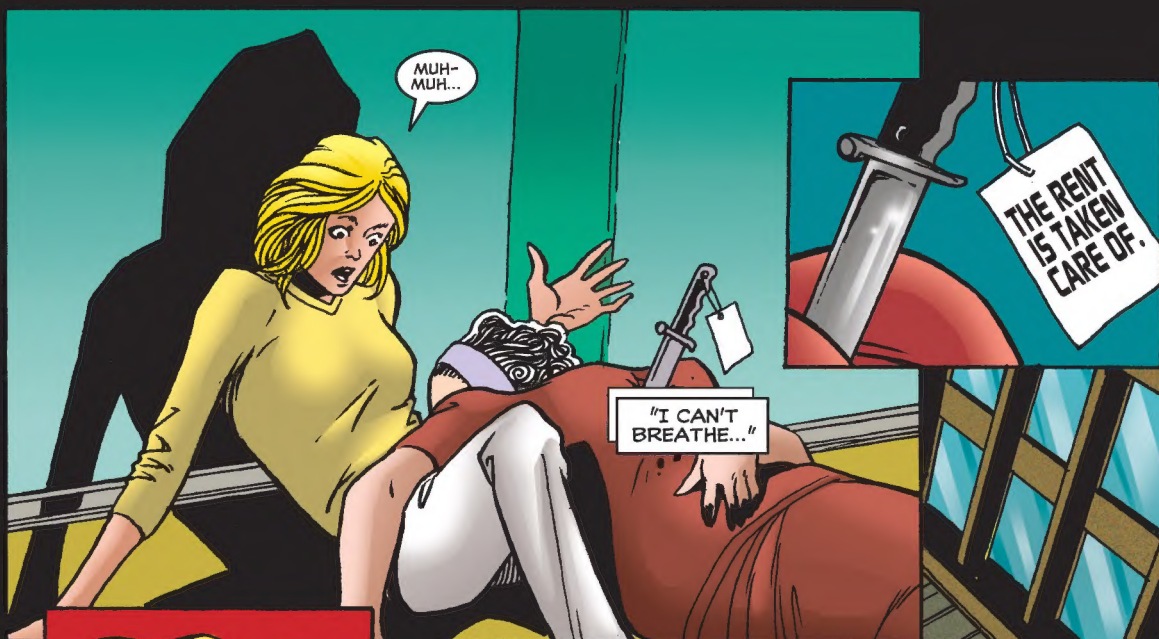
MM-HMM. THAT'S NICE.

WHY ISN'T MATT HOME YET? MAYBE HE AND FOGGY WENT OUT FOR A BEER -- WITH THE BLACK WIDOW! THAT TRAMP!

LIKE YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, KAREN PAGE. SINCE WHEN DOES A CUP OF COFFEE LOOK LIKE A GLASS OF WINE?

BZZZZZZ





MMATT!

SHE **SCREAMS** MY NAME
AND I HEAR HER FROM
SIX BLOCKS AWAY --
IT'S THE SOUND OF MY
LIFE TAKING A SERIOUS
TURN FOR THE **WORST.**



KAREN!

TO BE CONCLUDED!